### ELKINS ASKS INQUIRY

Wants Investigation of High Cost of Living.

MAY BECOME AN INSURGENT

Exasperated by Delay in Getting Action on His Resolution for Inquiry the West Virginian Starts Colloquy-Aldrich Hastens to Defend Tariff-Lodge's Bill Indorsed.

The Senate was stirred to lively colloquy yesterday over the various pending resolutions authorizing an inquiry into

The many efforts of the Senate leaders to put Senator Lodge's resolution through and sidetrack the measures of Senator Elkins and other Senators who had proposed inquiries led to heated but informal consideration of the subject.

Senator Lodge came into the Senate with a favorable report from the Finance Committee on his resolution introduced Wednesday. When the report was submitted Senator Elkins looked pained. A little later Senator McCumber, of

North Dakota, who had introduced a resolution and referred it to the Agricultural Committee, requested a rereference of it to the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, to which Mr. Lodge's resolution had been consigned after the favorable report from the Finance Committee. Stone Starts Trouble.

Then Senator Stone, of Missouri, started the trouble. He inquired what the Committee on Audit, &c., had done to Senator Elkins' resolution, more than a month before that committee. This called Mr. Elkins into action. He

declared there was something remarkable in the fact that the Finance Committee could act on Mr. Lodge's resolution overnight, while the Audit Committee could not get action on his own resolution in thirty days. "In my course as chairman of the Con

mittee on Audit and Control," replied Mr. Kean, "I have tried to follow the example of the distinguished chairman of Interstate Commerce, who, as Senators know,

"When the Senator from West Virginia gets to be a member of the Finance Com- President." mittee, he will be able to expedite his bills," observed Senator Bailey.

trying to avoid bringing the tariff into the burn, of Idaho, got into action.

gation," said Mr. Lodge.

Quotes from Press. "The press of the country says that

Senator from Massachusetts says it is the President's request.

reported by the Senator from Massachu- to Secretary Ballinger. Commenting on the delay in reporting of the insane in Alaska."

his resolution, Mr. Elkins said: "I observe that when the Senator from

Rhode Island gets back here, things move particularly fast because they relate to the bill he pushed through the Senate.' that he should not be treated that way.

ginia when this tariff bill was under thing he wanted for his own State simply by voting against the income tax,"

Then in Slavery.

"I was then in slavery," replied Mr. Elkins. "I had to follow the advice of I'll follow the advice of the Senator from | tion except when asked was lost. Senator Aldrich denied there was any

disposition to dodge the tariff question in the forthcoming investigation. He in- meet this morning and dispose of a numvited Senator Elkins to tell the Senate ber of bills on which favorable report what, in his (Elkins') judgment, occa- will be made to the Senate immediately stoned high prices, but Mr. Elkins replied following.

### YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.

SENATE.

Senator Elkins protests against effort to shield tariff in agitation for probe of high prices. On motion of Senator Heyburn, draft of bill submitted by Ballinger is returned as a rebuke. Interstate Commerce Committee begins hear-

Continued opposition manifested against postal savings bank bill, r an executive session, the Senate adjot. i at 4:05 o'clock.

HOUSE,

ne House convened at noon. Entire time of session consumed in considera-tion of the agriculture appropriation bill, which passed shortly before adjournment. Discussion of the consular and diplomatic bill begun in Committee of the Whole. The House adjourned at 4:40 o'clock.

that it was a matter for the committee Senator Stone said the ignoring of Mr.

Elkins' resolution was an expression of

ack of confidence in him by the leaders Senator Bailey disagreed with this view. "It is because those in control want to ganization plan. o around the tariff in this investigation, that they do not want to intrust the nvestigation to the Senator from West once the Senator from West Virginia has gotten off of the reservation over there He has ceased to be an 'anarchist,' and is randl becoming one of our most 'use'an, borking insurgents.' He favored the income tax. He wanted to vote for it, but could not."

food inquiry resolution and had it re- gress to interrogate officers of executive ferred to the Finance Committee, saying departments. Their testimony, however he intended to test the sincerity of that Mr. Meyer believes, has made it plain

### SENATE REBUKES BALLINGER

Returns His Draft of Bill on Heyburn's Motion.

Vice President Sherman Forced to Act Under Rule Invoked Last Year Against Roosevelt,

rule of the Senate (adopted in the last Congress by way of rebuke to President seems never to be in a hurry to report day returned to Secretary Ballinger the draft of a bill which the Secretary had sent to the Senate "at the request of the

The communication was received in the Senator Elkins declared the newspapers ordered referred to the Senate Committee charged that the Senate leaders were on Territories. Immediately Senator Hey-He called for the reading of the rule

"The fact that only a few days ago I lining Secretary Garfield, which directed made a speech on the very subject of the that thereafter all bills sent to the Senate relation of the tariff question to prices voluntarily by heads of departments not ought to prove that I am not trying to in response to a request of the Senate, dodge the tariff question in this investi- should not be received officially or referred to committees, but be returned to the officer who transmitted it. Senator Dolliver called attention to the

this is an attempt to dooge the tariff; the fact that the draft of the bill was sent at

the departments under him."

course of events here," replied Mr. President Sherman explained that he had in operation for a year or so before asksimply followed the usual procedure, and ing Congress to enact it into law. Mr. Elkins read from his own resolu- it was evident he was not aware of the tion the direction to the committee to rule. He made an order, at the demand investigate the relation of legislation to of Senator Heyburn, annulling the referprices. "That means the tariff," said he. ence to the committee, and directed the G. A. R. Urges Congress to Make "That has been left out of the resolution Secretary of the Senate to return the bill The proposed bill related to "the care

### GRILLS PRESS AGENTS.

Representative Tawney made a fierce Mr. Aldrich's leadership, and complained of the press agents of the Forest Service. consideration how he could get every- over the head shortly thereafter in the with interest. these press agents, who he thought, also prevented economy in the administration entiment requiring money to quiet down. the chairman of the Finance Committee Scott, of Kansas, defended the press and Logan. even to get a few drippings from the agents, and Mr. Tawney's amendment to He was under fire at the battles of tariff bill for my own State. Next time prohibit them from sending out informa-

> District Committee Meets To-day. The Senate District Committee will

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## MEYER IN NO HURRY

Sanction of Congress Is Not Needed for Reorganization.

BUREAU CHIEFS BALK PLAN

secretary of the Navy Has No Intention of Disciplining Capps and Rogers for Criticising His Methods. House Committee Will Not Hamper Him-Approved by Taft.

he cases of the two bureau chiefs who session. have pressed before the House Naval Committee their opposition to his reor

They are Washington L. Capps, chief constructor and chief of the Bureau of Virginia," said Mr. Bailey. "More than Rogers, paymaster general and chief of These officers gave testimony criticising Mr. Meyer's plan for reorganization. No Rebuke Imminent,

Mr. Meyer, it was said, has no inter tion of disciplining them, as he recog-Later Senator Elkins reintroduced his nizes the right of a committee of Con they are out of sympathy with his ideas, and he is endeavoring to ascertain whether or not it will be more advisable in the interest of his administration to btain other chiefs in their stead.

This would be difficult, however, as ractically all the members of the co struction corps are allied with Chief Constructor Capps in opposition to Mr. Meyer's reorganization. There will be no haste, it was said, in dealing with the fwo recalcitrant bureau chiefs.

with the plan, which has been in operation since December 1 last

Several members of the committee feel that the reorganization scheme proposed by Truman H. Newberry, former Secretary of the Navy, was not given a fair trial. Mr. Meyer's reorganization, it was ure, and it does not require either the regular course of morning business, and ordered referred to the Senate Committee, it was said, has inquired fully into the reorganization because of its general interest in

Committee Is Divided.

Although the members of the commitee are divided evenly upon Mr. Meyer's plan; it is not believed the committee will in order that it might be given a more complete trial.

Mr. Meyer's plan was approved by President Taft before it was put in oper-Senator Bacon, a member of the Com- ation. Mr. Meyer has not asked for reor-"Which does the Senator from West mittee on Rules, declared that the rule ganization legislation at the present sesapplied to the "President equally with sion of Congress, except for the abolition of the Bureau of Equipment. He "I reserve my decision to await the After the rule had been read, Vice wishes to have his reorganization scheme

### WANT GRANT ENROLLED.

U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., of Brooklyn, Aldrich act require from all countries a Paul, \$25; Dr. James Franklin Jameson, \$2; Miss N. Y., yesterday transmitted to the Sen- grant to the United States of substan- H. L. Lindsly, 55; Mrs. W. P. Graves, 53. ate a petition asking that a law be tially their lowest tariff rates. nacted for this purpose.

although a boy of thirteen years, served as a volunteer aid on his father's staff of the departments by stirring up public through the siege of Vicksburg in 1863, and was twice wounded while carrying Representatives Keifer, of Ohio, and messages to Gens. Sherman, McPherson,

Grand Gulf, Port Gibson, and Champion Hill. The Grand Army post states with uniform of a captain, conducted himself with bravery that endeared him to the "boys in blue."

### AGRICULTURE BILL PASSED. Budget Authorizes Appropriations

Amounting to \$13,417,136. The House yesterday completed considamounting to \$13,417,136

tive Shirley, of Kentucky.

Perkins, of New York, chairman of the treated on their merits as questions en that it was the purpose of his committee adjustment." soon to report a bill providing for the erection or purchase of embassy buildings in some of the big capitals of Europe.

Protest Pending Milk Bill.

Annual Leave for Employes. Providing that each and every employe a party caucus. of navy yards and government depots be They believe if they took their case granted thirty days' leave in each cal- into a caucus they might be beaten. endar year, Senator Penrose yesterday The plan is to lay low for the present introduced a bill which was referred to and seize the first favorable opportunity the Committee on Naval Affairs.

### CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFS.

A bill to confer the grade of rear admiral, retired, in Commander Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., the exolder, was introduced in the Senate yesterday by Senator Hale, of Maine.

President Taft yesterday offered the position of surveyor of the port of New York to Charles D. Hilles, Second Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Hilles took the offer under advisement. By the terms of a bill introduced in the House yesterday Representative Covington directs the Secretary of War to cause to be constructed in the Susquehamna River, near Port Deposit, Md., eight ice piers at a cost of \$80,000.

Representative Griest vesterday submitted a con-current resolution directing that 10,000 copies of the following songs be printed and bound for distribu-tion to public and school libraries: "The Star Spangled Banner," "Hail Columbia." "America." and "Yankee Doodle,"

Appointment of Surgeon General to Be Decided To-day.

The appointment of a surgeon general f the navy to succeed Presley M. Rixey will be decided at the Cabinet meeting this morning. Dr. Rixey has been surgeon general since February 5, 1902.

They are Medical Inspector Henry G. Seyer, who is now on duty in the Bureau Medicine and Surgery, and Surg. Charles F. Stokes, who is on duty at the Naval Medical School in this city.

Secretary of the Navy Meyer and Sen ator Perkins, chairman of the Senate Naval Committee, are in favor of ap pointing Surg. Stokes. Dr. Beyer has the support of Senator Hale, forme chairman of the Senate Naval Committee Secretary Meyer expects to announce the fronted with the problem of dealing with appointment at the conclusion of to-day's

Dr. Rixey will not retire for age until 1914, although he is eligible for retwement under the thirty years' service law

# Exchange Minimums.

BOTH COUNTRIES ARE PLEASED

Volume of Trade Estimated at \$500. Public Yesterday by Secretary of State Knox, Explaining the Terms. Tariff War Has Been Averted.

States and Germany, which have been might perhaps go unnecessarily far in pending for several months, have been excluding officers of the army and navy Mr. Meyer's reorganization plan does concluded satisfactorily to both governot require the indorsement of the House ments. The United States will obtain not Naval Committee, and there is some only the German minimum rates now enquestion as to whether the members of joyed under the special agreement that officers and to urge that aids to navigathe committee will attempt to interfere expires on February 7, but will receive

imum tariff rates of the Payne-Aldrich that the War Department might well con act after March 31 next, when the maxi- trol the lighthouses mum and minimum features of the American law will become operative. Incidentally, the successful outcome of the lighthouse board. His contention has present negotiations is a diplomatic triemph for Secretary of State Knox. The fact that a tariff war has been

averted is especially gratifying to officers of the State and Treasury departcalendar year just ended the direct intercommodities between the change United States and Germany exceeded Unable to Keep Up Work Because take any steps to hamper Mr. Meyer in \$409,000,000. Allowing for importations the administration by requiring a return into Germany through other countries, to the Newberry plan of administration, the volume of trade between the two raised, the Associated Charities and Citcountries is estimated at about \$500,000,000. Exchange of Minimums.

statement:

Germany grants to the United States her full conventional tariff rates in return for the minimum tariff of the United States. This is an exchange of minimum for minimum. It places the United States on exactly the same terms as all other countries to which Germany grants other countries to which Germany grants of the Countries to the Countries any grants to the United States of the following

"The satisfactory solution has been in a following amounts have been received: Representative Tawney made a fierce to the bill he pushed through the Senate."

Mr. Elkins told how he had followed Mr. Aldrich's leadership, and complained that he should not be treated that way.

"I told the Senator from West Virginia when this tariff bill was under consideration how he could get everything he wanted for his own State simply by voting against the income tax."

Representative Tawney made a fierce but ineffectual fight on the floor of the House yesterday to limit the activities of the Division of the Lakes desires to be mustered in as soldier of the civil war by the Secretary of War, For the benefit of the law makers, the veterans in their petition cite some historical facts that were read with interest.

The communication states that the commanding general of the Division of the Mrs. Jalian James, \$10: Mrs. William H. H. Southerland, \$10: Eagen E. Seevens, \$2: Mrs. William H. H. Brownson, \$2: Mrs. William H. Lakes desires to be mustered in as a soldier of th an agreement which would be beneficial side, the joint finance committee acknowl-

"No objection is made to microscopic No objection is made to microscopic inspection by foreign countries, but the cash, \$1; Henry C. Swan, \$2; Miss Sarah Byrd insistence on certificates of microscopic Pritchett, \$2; Right Rev. Alfred Harding \$10; Hon-inspection from the United States and that George F. Huff, \$40; Herbert C. Hengstler, \$5; Mal. inspection from the United States and the failure to recognize the present interstate inspection, which was substituted for it, the admission of these than to the admission of these than to the admission of these than to the admission of these than the control of the second than was a bar to the admission of these products into some of the German ports.

The reasonableness of this position has the German govern
William H. Walker, \$30; Master Douglas German S; Miss Kate Bradle Si0; Mrs. George Cabot Lodge, \$5; Harold E. Doyle Si0; Mrs. George Cabot Lodge, \$5; Harold E. Doyle Si0; Cash, \$1; William Waller, \$5; Fred H. Mofit, \$10; Robert A. Church C. Betteron St. The Washington Time evident pride that the lad, who were the The reasonableness of this position has \$50 been recognized by the German govern- Waller, 35; Fred H. Squar, 55; The Washington Times ment, and under the agreement concluded \$100; W. R. Bodenberger, \$2; Thomas Henry Leverthe imperial authorities will take steps to modify the present regulations under \$50; M. R. C., \$1; cash, \$1; Henry Oldys, \$1; W. Claude Barrett, \$2; "Pensioner," \$2. which customs officials at some ports have refused to admit American pork products without certificates of microscopic inspection, thus securing uniformity.

"The scope of the negotiations covered eration of the agriculture appropriation. the discussion of all the various ques-The measure authorizes expenditures tions that have in recent years vexed the exporters of both countries. The admis A provision in the bill authorizing the sion of American live cattle for slaughter Secretary of Agriculture to make an in Germany and the regulations relating inquiry into the cost of living went out to the importation of meat products of on a point of order made by Representa- various kinds, the German customs rules governing the drawback of duty allowed Just before the House adjourned it pro- on flour when exported from Germany, ceeded to the consideration of the diplo- all of which are of exceeding interest matic appropriation bill. Representative from the American standpoint, have been Committee on Foreign Affairs, announced tirely aside from that of equivalent tariff

Protest Pending Milk Bill.

While the Republican insurgents in the House have been reticent for a day or love the Senate a netition from the Discount of the New are plotting further trouble and 12.

By Maj. Reynolds—Medical Department and Hoseley are plotting further trouble and 13. fore the Senate a petition from the Dis- so, they are plotting further trouble, and pital Corps, March 17. trict of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia
Dairymen's Association protesting against
the enactment of the Gallinger milk bill.

The insurgent leaders now say they will
make no effort to enlarge the Committoo on Pulsa con device. First Battery, Field Artillery,
March 15 and 18. tee on Rules or depose the Speaker from that organization through the medium of

> to bring the matter up in the open. Just disclosed, but Representative Gardner has been intrusted with the duty of pointing a way.

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## SUCCESSOR TO RIXEY. NAVY OPPOSES

Mann Measure Would Civilianize Lighthouse Board.

There are two candidates for the office. SENATE MAY AMEND MEASURE

Rear Admiral Marix, Secretary Nagel, and Capt. R. L. Russell, U. S. N., Oppose Plan to Remove Officers, Illinois Representatives Want a Civil Commissioner in Washington.

Mann to "civilianize" the lighthous board developed yesterday morning at a hearing before the Senate Committee on

ssertion that there should be a controlng head for the Lighthouse Service in Washington, those who appeared objected to the removal of the officers of the army and navy from its membership,

In the bill passed by the House a pureau of lighthouses is created in the United States and Germany Department of Commerce and Labor, over which a commissioner, at \$5,000, is to preside. After hearing the objections offered to the change, the committee referred the bill to a subcommittee of Senators Elkins, Smith (Michigan), Burton,

It is expected they will materially amend it, attempting to strengthen the organization, but retaining officers of the 000,000 a Year in Statement Made military service experienced in matters

Nagel Enters Opposition.

It was urged by Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, that there be created a responsible head for the lighthouse establishment. He Tariff negotiations between the United also expressed the opinion that the bill

> Capt, R. L. Russell, Judge Advocate deneral of the navy, appeared for the epartment to oppose the removal of its Rear Admiral Adolph Marix, of the

present board, said it lacked proper or ganization, and President Livingstone of the Lake Carriers' Association, hel

Representative Mann is opposed to the ontinuance of military officers on th card, without a responsible head, has beyond adjustment except through reor

### CHARITY RESOURCES STRAINED

of Funds. With less than half of their budgets yet

izens' Relief Association report that their In announcing the conclusion of the both as to funds and as to the ability of negotiations, Secretary Knox made this their workers to keep up with the de-"The basis of the settlement is that The Associated Charities is in receipt

WANT GRANT ENROLLED.

G. A. R. Urges Congress to Make
General a Civil War Soldier.

Uring that Gen. Frederick Dent Grant be enrolled as a soldier of the civil war, the
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### WILL INSPECT MILITIA.

Gen. Wood Assigns Officers to Make Examinations.

Inspection of the District Militia will be nade March 7, according to an order ssued yesterday by Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, commanding the Department of

Gen. Wood has designated the following officers for the inspection: Maj. Samuel Reber, Signal Corps, medical and hospital orps; Capt. Morris E. Locke, Third Field Artillery, First Battery Field Artillery. The dates assigned are as follows:

By Maj. Fallson-Headquarters and Second Bat-talion Second Infantry, March 7 and 8; First Bat-talion, Second Infantry, March 8 and 9; headquar-ters and First Battalion, First Infantry, March 9 and 10; Second Battalion, First Infantry, March 9 INSURGENTS LYING LOW.

and 10; Second Battalion, First Infantry, March 10 and 11; Third Battalion, First Infantry, March 11 and 12; First and Second Infantry bands, March 13; field and staff, First Separate Battalion, March 14 and 15; Third Battalion, Second Infantry, March 16 and 17; brigade headquarters and staff depart-

#### ACCUSED OF DEFRAUDING. Grand Jury Returns Four Counts

Against Malcolm M. Campbell. Malcolm Macgregor Campbell, formerly of 1712 Fifteenth street, was yesterday indicted by the grand jury on four how this is to be done has not been counts, charging him with the use of the mails for the purpose of de. \_ Ag.

Campbell described himself as a civil engineer and surveyor, and is alleged to have victimized a number of well-known firms by obtaining books, coins, stamps, merchandise, and other property on approval, and converting them to his own use without making settlement. Campbell left Washington some time

ago, and has been located in the West, where every effort will be made to obtain

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There will be articles of excellent and exceptional

## Sunday, Feb. 6, 1910,

Which you should not miss. Chief among these will be a thrilling story of aerial warfare. This story will make your pulses beat faster. The writer, Edgar Wallace, a well-known author of short stories, portrays the attack of an aeroplane "destroyer" upon a great airship which has been harassing an army in Morocco for weeks. The battle in the clouds at nighttime is a thrilling bit of description, and you'll be certain to enjoy it.

There will be other good stories in the Literary Magazine Section. There will be a story of deep human interest by Arthur Henry Gooden, author of "The Invader," entitled "The Voice He Heard." There will be another by Alice Perrin, author of "East of Suez," entitled "In the Court of Conscience." There will be a large installment of "At the Call of Honor," by Marchmont, and various shorter articles and stories,

Charlotte M. Conger tells of the initiation, or hazing, of the new Congressman. This picture, drawn from life, will appeal to most Washingtonians, who do not stand appalled at the sight of some national character, as do the residents of any other city, not excepting New York.

James B. Morrow finds some entertaining incidents in the life of Victor Murdock, the robust and picturesque voung insurgent in the lower branch of Congress, who tersely explains what the battle with Speaker Cannon really means. He says that he ceased to be "a good Indian" when he tried and failed to stop the illegal payment of \$5,000,000 annually to the railways for carrying the mails. Mr. Murdock predicts that "Cannonism," as he calls it, will be crushed at the first good opportunity, and says that a majority of the Representatives are insur-

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